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THE LOUISIANA ECONOMIC SITUATION

Louisiana's nonagricultural employment in September was estimated at 1,540,000, an increase of 11,400 over the August revised level and 14,800 higher than September, 1989.

Goods producing employment, estimated at 316,400, was 2,100 higher than the August figure. Mining remained stable for September. Construction employment was higher for September due to scattered gains throughout the special trade contractors segment. Both the durable and nondurable goods sectors contributed to the employment gain in manufacturing.

Service producing employment, estimated at 1,223,600, was 9,300 higher than the August revised figure of 1,214,300. Transportation, communications, and public utilities employment increased mainly in the trucking and warehousing sectors. Trade employment was down as a result of losses in both the wholesale and retail segments. Finance, insurance, and real estate lost 100 employees in September. Seasonal gains in educational services primarily accounted for the increase in total services employment. Government employment was higher due to seasonal hiring in state education.

Average weekly earnings of Louisiana's 130,200 production workers in manufacturing increased from $496.78 in August to $513.92 in September, an increase of $17.14, and an increase of $35.45 from September of last year. Average hourly earnings were $0.10 higher in September than last month, and $0.63 higher than September a year ago. Weekly hours averaged 44.0 during the month, an increase of 1.1 hours from the August revised figure of 42.9 hours.

The September preliminary unemployment rate for Louisiana is 7.0 percent, up from the August revised rate of 6.5 percent. The average unemployment rate for the last three months (July, August, September) is 6.6 percent compared to 7.6 percent for the same period last year.

The comparable national unemployment rate for September is 5.5 percent. The national rate for August was 5.4 percent.

Total unemployment increased to 133,100. We experienced a normal, seasonal decline in claims for unemployment insurance.

The state's civilian labor force decreased to 1,900,400 with a decrease in total employment to 1,767,300.

LOUISIANA
NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT
(In Thousands by Industry)

	Sept. 1990*	Aug. 1990**	Sept. 1989**	Net Change from Aug. 1990	Net Change from Sept. 1989
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	1540.0	1528.6	1525.2	+ 11.4	+ 14.8
GOODS PRODUCING	316.4	314.3	311.6	+ 2.1	+ 4.8
MINING	55.1	55.1	54.6	0	+ 0.5
Oil and Gas Extraction	53.3	53.4	52.8	- 0.1	+ 0.5
Nonmetallic Minerals	1.8	1.7	1.8	+ 0.1	0
CONSTRUCTION	84.3	83.4	82.1	+ 0.9	+ 2.2
General Contractors	16.1	16.0	15.4	+ 0.1	+ 0.7
Heavy Construction Ex. Bldg.	33.5	33.5	33.1	0	+ 0.4
Special Trade Contractors	34.7	33.9	33.6	+ 0.8	+ 1.1
MANUFACTURING	177.0	175.8	174.9	+ 1.2	+ 2.1
Durable Goods	78.0	77.8	77.4	+ 0.2	+ 0.6
Lumber and Wood Products	11.7	11.7	12.1	0	- 0.4
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	5.3	5.4	5.3	- 0.1	0
Primary Metal Industries	3.0	3.0	2.9	0	+ 0.1
Fabricated Metal Products	13.4	13.3	12.5	+ 0.1	+ 0.9
Machinery, Except Electrical	10.6	10.6	10.4	0	+ 0.2
Electrical & Electronic Equipment	7.2	7.1	7.2	+ 0.1	0
Transportation Equipment	23.9	23.9	23.9	0	0
Other Durable Goods (1)	2.9	2.8	3.1	+ 0.1	- 0.2
Nondurable Goods	99.0	98.0	97.5	+ 1.0	+ 1.5
Food & Kindred Products	20.6	19.8	20.5	+ 0.8	+ 0.1
Apparel & Other Textile Products	9.7	9.6	9.9	+ 0.1	- 0.2
Paper & Allied Products	12.4	12.3	12.1	+ 0.1	+ 0.3
Printing & Publishing	9.8	9.9	9.6	- 0.1	+ 0.2
Chemicals & Allied Products	29.0	28.9	28.3	+ 0.1	+ 0.7
Inorganic Chemicals	5.8	5.7	5.6	+ 0.1	+ 0.2
Organic Chemicals	10.9	10.9	10.4	0	+ 0.5
Petroleum and Coal Products	11.8	11.8	11.5	0	+ 0.3
Petroleum Refining	10.9	10.9	10.6	0	+ 0.3
Other Nondurable Goods (2)	5.7	5.7	5.6	0	+ 0.1
SERVICE PRODUCING	1223.6	1214.3	1213.6	+ 9.3	+10.0
TRANSP., COMM. & PUBLIC UTIL.	106.4	106.0	106.1	+ 0.4	+ 0.3
Railroad Transportation	4.8	4.8	4.9	0	- 0.1
Transportation, ex. Railroads	62.6	62.0	61.9	+ 0.6	+ 0.7
Water Transportation	25.9	25.8	25.4	+ 0.1	+ 0.5
Communication & Public Utilities	39.0	39.2	39.3	- 0.2	- 0.3
Comm. Ex. US Postal Service	17.0	16.9	17.0	+ 0.1	0
Electric, Gas & Sanitary Services	22.0	22.3	22.3	- 0.3	- 0.3

LOUISIANA - CONTINUED
NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT
(In Thousands by Industry)

	Sept. 1990*	Aug. 1990**	Sept. 1989**	Net Change from Aug. 1990	Net Change from Sept. 1989
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	367.6	367.9	365.4	- 0.3	+ 2.2
Wholesale Trade	84.6	84.8	84.6	- 0.2	0
Wholesale Trade-Durable Goods	47.3	47.5	47.4	- 0.2	- 0.1
Wholesale Trade-Nondurable Goods	37.3	37.3	37.2	0	+ 0.1
Retail Trade	283.0	283.1	280.8	- 0.1	+ 2.2
Bldg. Mat'ls. & Garden Supplies	10.2	10.3	10.0	- 0.1	+ 0.2
General Merchandise	44.8	44.8	44.7	0	+ 0.1
Food Stores	56.8	56.8	56.2	0	+ 0.6
Auto Dealers & Service Stations	29.8	29.8	29.6	0	+ 0.2
Apparel and Accessory	15.4	15.7	15.3	- 0.3	+ 0.1
Furniture and Equipment	8.7	8.7	8.9	0	- 0.2
Eating and Drinking Places	87.2	87.0	86.4	+ 0.2	+ 0.8
Other Retail Trade	30.1	30.0	29.7	+ 0.1	+ 0.4
FINANCE, INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE	78.5	78.6	78.3	- 0.1	+ 0.2
Banking	29.9	30.0	29.5	- 0.1	+ 0.4
Insurance	26.2	26.3	26.2	- 0.1	0
SERVICES	354.3	350.8	348.0	+ 3.5	+ 6.3
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	22.2	22.2	22.2	0	0
Personal Services	14.1	13.9	13.8	+ 0.2	+ 0.3
Business Services	56.2	56.6	55.4	- 0.4	+ 0.8
Auto Repair, Services & Garages	10.6	10.5	10.5	+ 0.1	+ 0.1
Miscellaneous Repair Services	6.9	6.8	6.9	+ 0.1	0
Amusement & Recreation Services	11.2	11.3	10.6	- 0.1	+ 0.6
Health Services	112.8	112.6	109.3	+ 0.2	+ 3.5
Hospitals	50.7	50.4	48.9	+ 0.3	+ 1.8
Legal Services	15.1	15.4	15.0	- 0.3	+ 0.1
Educational Services	24.0	20.7	24.7	+ 3.3	- 0.7
Social Services	20.7	20.3	19.7	+ 0.4	+ 1.0
Membership Organizations	26.0	26.1	25.9	- 0.1	+ 0.1
Eng., Acct. and Related Services	26.5	26.6	26.0	- 0.1	+ 0.5
Miscellaneous Services	3.9	3.9	3.8	0	+ 0.1
GOVERNMENT	316.8	311.0	315.8	+ 5.8	+ 1.0
Federal	37.3	37.7	37.1	- 0.4	+ 0.2
State and Local	279.5	273.3	278.7	+ 6.2	+ 0.8
State	96.6	89.6	93.7	+ 7.0	+ 2.9
Local	182.9	183.7	185.0	- 0.8	- 2.1

* Preliminary **Revised
(1) Includes furniture and fixtures, professional equipment and misc. manufacturing industries.
(2) Includes Leather, Rubber and Textile products.

All estimates of Nonagricultural wage and salaried workers in this publication are prepared in cooperation with U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics and include all full-time and part-time workers who were employed during the pay period including the 12th of the month.

AVERAGE HOURS AND EARNINGS IN MANUFACTURING AND SELECTED NONMANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES IN LOUISIANA

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Sept. '90*	Aug. '90**	Sept. '89**	Sept. '90*	Aug. '90**	Sept. '89**	Sept. '90*	Aug. '90**	Sept. '89**
ALL MANUFACTURING (1)	$513.92	496.78	478.47	44.0	42.9	43.3	11.68	11.58	11.05
Durable Goods	469.14	438.90	431.42	43.6	41.8	42.8	10.76	10.50	10.08
Lumber & Wood Products	406.64	410.66	381.81	44.2	44.3	42.9	9.20	9.27	8.90
Stone, Clay, & Glass Pdts.	395.75	427.49	384.89	40.3	43.4	41.7	9.82	9.85	9.23
Fabricated Metal Products	441.60	424.23	442.27	45.2	43.6	44.9	9.77	9.73	9.85
Machinery, ex. Electrical	457.97	447.03	415.41	46.4	45.2	45.7	9.87	9.89	9.09
Electric & Electronic Equip.	749.33	669.19	598.00	48.5	44.2	46.0	15.45	15.14	13.00
Transportation Equipment	465.28	385.89	437.66	40.6	36.2	40.3	11.46	10.66	10.86
Nondurable Goods	552.42	547.94	519.59	44.3	43.8	43.7	12.47	12.51	11.89
Food & Kindred Products	351.68	339.04	336.82	44.8	43.3	43.8	7.85	7.83	7.69
Apparel & Other Textile Pdts.	220.22	212.05	210.92	36.4	35.4	37.2	6.05	5.99	5.67
Paper & Allied Products	629.95	638.85	581.30	44.3	44.8	42.9	14.22	14.26	13.55
Printing & Publishing	437.27	415.01	402.98	39.5	37.9	38.6	11.07	10.95	10.44
Chemicals & Allied Pdts.	732.05	736.68	729.23	45.3	45.7	46.3	16.16	16.12	15.75
Petroleum & Coal Products	880.74	856.99	767.79	51.9	50.5	47.6	16.97	16.97	16.13
Petroleum Refining	898.88	874.78	784.60	52.2	50.8	47.9	17.22	17.22	16.38
MINING	616.13	596.23	566.19	48.4	48.2	46.6	12.73	12.37	12.15
COMMUNICATIONS & PUBLIC UTILITIES	530.46	528.74	516.22	42.1	41.6	41.1	12.60	12.71	12.56
BANKING	265.36	299.15	285.87	36.4	40.1	39.0	7.29	7.46	7.33

(1) Data in the average earnings table are for approximately 130,200 full-and part-time workers in manufacturing and 92,500 nonsupervisory employees in communications, public utilities, mining and banking. The averages are computed on a "Gross" basis and reflect overtime, late shift work and incentive rates.

BATON ROUGE AREA
AVERAGE HOURS AND EARNINGS IN MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Sept. '90*	Aug. '90**	Sept. '89**	Sept. '90*	Aug. '90**	Sept. '89**	Sept. '90*	Aug. '90**	Sept. '89**
All MANUFACTURING (1)	$609.02	$595.24	$589.57	44.1	43.8	44.8	$13.81	$13.59	$13.16
Chemicals and Petro Products	767.04	743.35	773.38	45.2	44.3	46.9	16.97	16.78	16.49

Data in the average earnings table are for approximately 14,500 production workers and are computed on a "gross" basis and reflect overtime, late shift work and incentive rates.

NEW ORLEANS AREA
AVERAGE HOURS AND EARNINGS IN MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES

All MANUFACTURING	$472.92	$471.94	$446.19	42.0	42.1	41.7	$11.26	$11.21	$10.70
Durable Goods	400.93	409.86	386.63	39.5	40.5	40.4	10.15	10.12	9.57
Stone, Clay, & Glass Pdts.	362.84	405.23	357.58	37.1	42.3	37.6	9.78	9.58	9.51
Fabricated Metal Products	393.26	379.37	417.18	40.5	39.6	42.7	9.71	9.58	9.77
Ship & Boatbuilding and Repairing	364.60	370.72	358.78	38.5	38.9	39.6	9.47	9.53	9.06
Nondurable Goods	552.38	540.41	512.03	44.8	43.9	43.1	12.33	12.31	11.88
Food & Kindred Products	407.39	370.30	346.92	43.9	41.7	39.2	9.28	8.88	8.85
Apparel & Other Textile Pdts.	229.68	232.84	219.47	36.4	36.9	36.7	6.31	6.31	5.98
Printing & Publishing	399.15	376.87	387.43	40.4	37.8	39.9	9.88	9.97	9.71
Chemicals & Allied Pdts.	781.25	793.49	788.42	47.9	48.8	49.4	16.31	16.26	15.96

Data in the average earnings table are for approximately 31,000 production workers and are computed on a "gross" basis and reflect overtime, late shift work and incentive rates.

SHREVEPORT AREA
AVERAGE HOURS AND EARNINGS IN MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES

All MANUFACTURING	$537.59	$429.52	$456.50	45.1	38.8	41.2	$11.92	$11.07	$11.08
Lumber and Wood Products	363.40	383.87	508.90	46.0	47.1	51.3	7.90	8.15	9.92
Food and Kindred Products	405.53	462.80	392.05	47.1	52.0	44.5	8.61	8.90	8.81
Printing and Publishing	394.60	397.55	368.52	38.8	38.3	36.2	10.17	10.38	10.18
Chemicals & Allied Products	605.67	622.90	559.48	44.6	45.6	46.2	13.58	13.66	12.11

Data in the average earnings table are for approximately 13,600 production workers and are computed on a "gross" basis and reflect overtime, late shift work and incentive rates.

LOUISIANA CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE SUMMARY

(in thousands)	PRELIMINARY SEPTEMBER, 1990				REVISED AUGUST, 1990				REVISED SEPTEMBER, 1989			
	Labor Force	Empl.	Unemp.	Rate	Labor Force	Empl.	Unemp.	Rate	Labor Force	Empl.	Unemp.	Rate
LOUISIANA	1900.4	1767.3	133.1	7.0	1907.0	1784.0	123.0	6.5	1908.6	1780.8	127.8	6.7
METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS:												
Alexandria 1/	58.1	53.9	4.2	7.2	58.8	54.7	4.1	7.0	60.1	56.1	4.0	6.7
Baton Rouge 2/	271.2	254.6	16.6	6.1	272.1	256.3	15.8	5.8	271.6	256.3	15.3	5.7
Houma - Thibodaux 3/	69.1	64.8	4.3	6.2	70.6	66.9	3.7	5.2	68.2	64.1	4.1	6.0
Lafayette 4/	102.3	96.5	5.8	5.6	102.6	97.9	4.7	4.6	99.6	94.0	5.6	5.7
Lake Charles 5/	76.0	70.3	5.7	7.6	75.9	70.6	5.3	7.0	76.4	71.1	5.3	6.9
Monroe 6/	67.7	62.9	4.8	7.0	68.2	64.1	4.1	6.0	68.6	64.4	4.2	6.1
New Orleans 7/	591.1	551.5	39.6	6.7	596.2	559.9	36.3	6.1	601.8	563.0	38.8	6.4
Shreveport 8/	155.9	144.8	11.1	7.1	155.9	145.8	10.1	6.5	157.9	146.8	11.1	7.1

1/ Rapides Parish only. 2/ Includes Ascension, East Baton Rouge, Livingston, and West Baton Rouge parishes. 3/ Includes Lafourche and Terrebonne parishes. 4/ Includes Lafayette and St. Martin parishes. 5/ Calcasieu Parish only. 6/ Ouachita Parish only. 7/ Includes Jefferson, Orleans, St. Bernard, St. Tammany , St. Charles and St. John the Baptist parishes. 8/ Includes Bossier and Caddo parishes.

CONSUMER PRICE INDEX

The Consumer Price Index, sometimes called the "Cost of Living Index", is a monthly measure of the average change in prices in a fixed quantity of goods and services.

All Urban Consumers	Index	%Change from Prior Month	% Change from Prior Year
September 1989	125.0		
September 1990	132.7	+ 0.8	+ 6.2

CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE, OTHER AREAS

AREA	PRELIMINARY SEPTEMBER 90 LABOR FORCE	EMPL	UNEMP	RATE	REVISED AUGUST 90 LABOR FORCE	EMPL	UNEMP	RATE
CROWLEY (ACADIA)	21,400	19,725	1,675	7.8	21,550	19,800	1,750	8.1
OAKDALE (ALLEN)	9,775	8,800	975	10.0	9,925	9,050	875	8.9
NAPOLEONVILLE (ASSUMPTION)	6,200	5,625	575	9.2	6,075	5,550	525	8.7
BUNKIE (AVOYELLES)	16,400	14,925	1,475	8.9	14,975	13,500	1,475	9.8
DERIDDER (BEAUREGARD)	13,375	12,425	950	7.1	13,075	12,150	925	7.0
ARCADIA (BIENVILLE)	6,575	6,100	475	7.3	6,625	6,175	450	6.7
COLUMBIA (CALDWELL)	4,275	3,950	325	7.7	3,850	3,550	300	7.8
CAMERON (CAMERON)	4,600	4,400	200	4.3	4,650	4,475	175	3.8
JONESVILLE (CATAHOULA)	3,475	3,150	325	9.6	3,525	3,175	350	9.7
HOMER (CLAIBORNE)	7,425	6,950	475	6.3	7,575	7,025	550	7.1
FERRIDAY (CONCORDIA)	9,075	8,175	900	10.0	9,150	8,250	900	9.7
MANSFIELD (DESOTO)	11,425	10,575	850	7.5	11,700	10,950	750	6.4
LAKE PROVIDENCE (E. CARROLL)	3,175	2,925	250	7.9	3,200	2,900	300	9.6
CLINTON (EAST FELICIANA)	7,275	6,775	500	6.9	7,150	6,675	475	6.5
VILLE PLATTE(EVANGELINE)	13,700	12,650	1,050	7.7	13,025	12,075	950	7.2
WINNSBORO (FRANKLIN)	8,575	7,875	700	8.2	8,275	7,650	625	7.5
COLFAX (GRANT)	7,100	6,575	525	7.5	7,325	6,700	625	8.4
NEW IBERIA (IBERIA)	25,975	24,225	1,750	6.7	26,400	24,925	1,475	5.6
PLAQUEMINE (IBERVILLE)	11,250	10,225	1,025	9.1	11,125	10,125	1,000	9.0
JONESBORO (JACKSON)	6,450	6,050	400	6.2	6,450	6,150	300	4.8
JENNINGS (JEFFERSON DAVIS)	11,300	10,350	950	8.5	11,675	10,475	1,200	10.3
JENA (LASALLE)	5,950	5,525	425	7.2	5,950	5,675	275	4.6
RUSTON (LINCOLN)	18,300	17,450	850	4.6	16,750	16,150	600	3.6
TALLULAH (MADISON)	5,300	4,825	475	8.9	5,400	4,925	475	8.9
BASTROP (MOREHOUSE)	12,850	11,475	1,375	10.6	12,875	11,675	1,200	9.3
NATCHITOCHES (NATCHITOCHES)	15,800	14,675	1,125	7.1	15,875	14,775	1,100	7.0
POINT-A-LA-HACHE (PLAQUM.)	8,725	8,150	575	6.6	8,575	8,050	525	6.2
NEW ROADS (POINTE COUPEE)	7,225	6,350	875	12.0	7,325	6,425	900	12.1
COUSHATTA (RED RIVER)	4,075	3,775	300	7.5	4,075	3,750	325	8.0
RAYVILLE (RICHLAND)	8,225	7,325	900	11.1	8,700	7,800	900	10.4
MANY (SABINE)	9,925	9,400	525	5.3	10,000	9,500	500	4.8
GREENSBURG (ST. HELENA)	2,750	2,475	275	10.0	2,750	2,475	275	10.2
LUTCHER (ST. JAMES)	8,825	8,025	800	9.1	8,450	7,675	775	9.0
OPELOUSAS (ST. LANDRY)	30,900	28,000	2,900	9.4	30,875	28,175	2,700	8.8
MORGAN CITY (ST. MARY)	24,250	22,475	1,775	7.3	24,550	22,925	1,625	6.6
HAMMOND (TANGIPAHOA)	38,100	34,475	3,625	9.5	38,325	34,900	3,425	8.9
ST. JOSEPH (TENSAS)	2,550	2,400	150	6.3	2,650	2,450	200	7.0
FARMERVILLE (UNION)	8,375	7,725	650	7.9	8,300	7,725	575	6.9
ABBEVILLE (VERMILION)	18,175	17,025	1,150	6.4	18,775	17,575	1,200	6.4
LEESVILLE (VERNON)	18,925	17,575	1,350	7.1	18,425	17,250	1,175	6.3
BOGALUSA (WASHINGTON)	18,025	16,300	1,725	9.6	18,175	16,675	1,500	8.3
MINDEN (WEBSTER)	18,375	16,650	1,725	9.4	18,275	16,650	1,625	8.9
OAK GROVE (WEST CARROLL)	4,275	3,825	450	10.3	4,225	3,725	500	11.7
ST. FRANCISVILLE (W. FELIC.)	4,275	4,050	225	5.4	4,175	3,925	250	6.0
WINNFIELD (WINN)	6,025	5,600	425	6.9	5,925	5,625	300	5.0

NOTE: LABOR MARKET AREAS ARE DESIGNATED BY NAME OF PRINCIPAL TOWN, BUT INCLUDE ALL OF PARISH IN PARENTHESES.

ABOVE DATA ROUNDED TO NEAREST 25. SUBTOTALS MAY NOT ADD TO TOTALS DUE TO ROUNDING. RATES ARE COMPUTED FROM UNROUNDED DATA.

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TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	45.6	45.3	46.2	+ 0.3	- 0.6
GOODS PRODUCING	6.1	6.2	6.8	- 0.1	- 0.7
MINING	0.1	0.1	0.2	0	- 0.1
CONSTRUCTION	2.6	2.6	3.2	0	- 0.6
MANUFACTURING	3.4	3.5	3.4	- 0.1	0
Durable Goods	2.0	2.0	2.0	0	0
Nondurable Goods	1.4	1.5	1.4	- 0.1	0
SERVICE PRODUCING	39.5	39.1	39.4	+ 0.4	+ 0.1
TRANSP., COMM. & PUBLIC UTIL.	2.4	2.4	2.3	0	+ 0.1
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	10.2	10.3	10.6	- 0.1	- 0.4
Wholesale Trade	1.9	1.9	1.9	0	0
Retail Trade	8.3	8.4	8.7	- 0.1	- 0.4
FINANCE, INS., & REAL ESTATE	2.3	2.4	2.5	- 0.1	- 0.2
SERVICES	11.9	11.8	11.5	+ 0.1	+ 0.4
Health Services	5.4	5.5	5.1	- 0.1	+ 0.3
GOVERNMENT	12.7	12.2	12.5	+ 0.5	+ 0.2
Federal	2.8	2.8	3.0	0	- 0.2
State and Local	9.9	9.4	9.5	+ 0.5	+ 0.4
State	4.6	4.5	4.4	+ 0.1	+ 0.2
Local	5.3	4.9	5.1	+ 0.4	+ 0.2

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment in the Alexandria MSA was estimated at 45,600 for the current month. This estimate was 300 more than last month but 600 less than September, 1989.

Goods producing employment was estimated at 6,100 for September. This estimate was 100 less than August due to a decrease in nondurable goods manufacturing. Compared to September of last year, this figure declined by 700 with the largest decline centered in the construction industry.

Service producing employment for the current month was estimated at 39,500. This estimate increased 400 from last month and 100 from September, 1989. The increase from last month was centered in state and local government, reflecting increased employment at the start of the new school year. The increase in employment from last year was centered in the services and government industries.

BATON ROUGE AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

	Sept. 1990*	Aug. 1990**	Sept. 1989**	Net Change From Aug. 1990	Net Change From Sept. 1989
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	232.6	229.3	229.3	+ 3.3	+ 3.3
GOODS PRODUCING	49.4	49.1	47.2	+ 0.3	+ 2.2
MINING	0.8	0.8	0.8	0	0
CONSTRUCTION	26.5	26.3	25.2	+ 0.2	+ 1.3
MANUFACTURING	22.1	22.0	21.2	+ 0.1	+ 0.9
Durable Goods	5.1	5.0	4.7	+ 0.1	+ 0.4
Nondurable Goods	17.0	17.0	16.5	0	+ 0.5
Food & Kindred Products	1.8	1.8	1.8	0	0
Printing & Publishing	1.4	1.4	1.4	0	0
Chemicals and Petroleum Products	12.0	12.0	11.6	0	+ 0.4
Other Nondurable Goods	1.8	1.8	1.7	0	+ 0.1
SERVICE PRODUCING	183.2	180.2	182.1	+ 3.0	+ 1.1
TRANSP., COMM. & PUBLIC UTIL.	10.5	10.5	10.5	0	0
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	54.4	54.3	53.8	+ 0.1	+ 0.6
Wholesale Trade	12.3	12.3	12.1	0	+ 0.2
Wholesale Trade-Durable Goods	8.7	8.7	8.6	0	+ 0.1
Wholesale Trade-Nondurable Goods	3.6	3.6	3.5	0	+ 0.1
Retail Trade	42.1	42.0	41.7	+ 0.1	+ 0.4
General Merchandise	8.0	8.0	7.9	0	+ 0.1
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	13.0	13.1	13.1	- 0.1	- 0.1
Banking	4.4	4.4	4.3	0	+ 0.1
SERVICES	50.6	50.5	50.3	+ 0.1	+ 0.3
GOVERNMENT	54.7	51.8	54.4	+ 2.9	+ 0.3
Federal	2.5	2.5	2.4	0	+ 0.1
State and Local	52.2	49.3	52.0	+ 2.9	+ 0.2
State	30.1	27.2	30.1	+ 2.9	0
Local	22.1	22.1	21.9	0	+ 0.2

BATON ROUGE AREA

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Seasonal advances in government resulted in an over-the-month rise of 3,300 in the total nonagricultural employment estimate for the Baton Rouge MSA, bringing the preliminary total to 232,600 for September. This figure was also 3,300 greater than the year-ago revised level.

Goods producing employment increased by 300 to 49,400 for September. Construction employment was boosted by increases in the general and special trade contractors sectors. Manufacturing employment rose by 100 due to more business in fabricated metal products.

Service producing employment increased by 3,000 to 183,200 for September. The largest gain was in government due to the return of students and faculty to state colleges and universities. Finance, insurance, and real estate was the only industry reporting a loss of employment due to less activity in insurance carriers. Trade employment rebounded over the month, gaining 100 in retail grocery stores. The services industry, triggered by more business in both miscellaneous repair shops and business services, expanded to 50,600 for September.

Average weekly earnings of the Baton Rouge MSA's 14,500 production workers in all manufacturing was $609.02 for September, an increase of $13.78 from the August average. Compared to the prior year, weekly earnings were up $19.45. Average weekly hours at 44.1, increased by 0.3 hours. Average hourly earnings at $13.81 increased by $0.22 per hour. A longer workweek contributed to these changes.

The total civilian labor force for the Baton Rouge MSA declined to 271,200 in September. Estimated employment declined to 254,600, while unemployment rose to 16,600. The unemployment rate for the MSA was 6.1 percent.

The Baton Rouge Job Service Office served 1,491 individuals with new or renewal applications. A total of 1,789 referrals to current openings resulted in 231 placements during the month of September.

HOUMA - THIBODAUX AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

	Sept. 1990*	Aug. 1990**	Sept. 1989**	Net Change From Aug. 1990	Net Change From Sept. 1989
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	56.6	57.1	54.4	- 0.5	+ 2.2
GOODS PRODUCING	12.7	12.9	12.3	- 0.2	+ 0.4
MINING	5.5	5.7	5.5	- 0.2	0
CONSTRUCTION	1.9	2.0	1.9	- 0.1	0
MANUFACTURING	5.3	5.2	4.9	+ 0.1	+ 0.4
Durable Goods	3.7	3.6	3.0	+ 0.1	+ 0.7
Nondurable Goods	1.6	1.6	1.9	0	- 0.3
SERVICE PRODUCING	43.9	44.2	42.1	- 0.3	+ 1.8
TRANSP., COMM. & PUBLIC UTIL.	6.6	6.6	6.3	0	+ 0.3
Water Transportation	4.2	4.2	4.0	0	+ 0.2
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	14.4	14.6	14.2	- 0.2	+ 0.2
Wholesale Trade	3.0	3.2	3.2	- 0.2	- 0.2
Retail Trade	11.4	11.4	11.0	0	+ 0.4
General Mdse. & App. & Acc.	2.3	2.3	2.1	0	+ 0.2
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	2.1	2.1	2.1	0	0
SERVICES	10.7	10.5	9.7	+ 0.2	+ 1.0
GOVERNMENT	10.1	10.4	9.8	- 0.3	+ 0.3
Federal	0.5	0.5	0.5	0	0
State and Local	9.6	9.9	9.3	- 0.3	+ 0.3
State	2.4	2.6	2.2	- 0.2	+ 0.2
Local	7.2	7.3	7.1	- 0.1	+ 0.1

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment in the Houma-Thibodaux MSA moved down to 56,600, a level 500 below August. Decreases were shown in both the goods and service producing segments. Most of the changes were seasonal.

Goods producing employment decreased to 12,700, down 200 from the August revised level, but 400 above the September, 1989 figure. Mining adjusted downward from the summer level. Construction tapered off mostly in heavy construction. Manufacturing employment increased as a result of more contracts for the durable goods segment.

Service producing employment exhibited an overall loss of 300. Trade lost 200 workers in the wholesale durable goods sector. Services employment was boosted by gains in the business and private health sectors. A downturn in state and local government was responsible for the decrease in government employment.

Estimated unemployment was 4,300 in September. Unemployment presently comprises 6.2 percent of the civilian labor force for the Houma-Thibodaux MSA. Recipients of regular unemployment benefits totaled 464.

LAFAYETTE AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

	Sept. 1990*	Aug. 1990**	Sept. 1989**	Net Change From Aug. 1990	Net Change From Sept. 1989
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	92.8	92.2	87.5	+ 0.6	+ 5.3
GOODS PRODUCING	24.2	24.2	22.3	0	+ 1.9
MINING	12.0	11.9	11.5	+ 0.1	+ 0.5
CONSTRUCTION	3.7	3.8	3.3	- 0.1	+ 0.4
MANUFACTURING	8.5	8.5	7.5	0	+ 1.0
Durable Goods	2.2	2.2	2.1	0	+ 0.1
Nondurable Goods	6.3	6.3	5.4	0	+ 0.9
SERVICE PRODUCING	68.6	68.0	65.2	+ 0.6	+ 3.4
TRANSP., COMM. & PUBLIC UTIL.	6.4	6.2	6.2	+ 0.2	+ 0.2
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	24.7	24.4	23.9	+ 0.3	+ 0.8
Wholesale Trade	5.9	5.8	5.8	+ 0.1	+ 0.1
Retail Trade	18.8	18.6	18.1	+ 0.2	+ 0.7
General Merchandise	3.1	3.1	3.0	0	+ 0.1
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	3.3	3.2	3.2	+ 0.1	+ 0.1
Banking	1.2	1.2	1.1	0	+ 0.1
SERVICES	21.0	21.1	19.4	- 0.1	+ 1.6
GOVERNMENT	13.2	13.1	12.5	+ 0.1	+ 0.7
Federal	1.0	1.0	0.8	0	+ 0.2
State and Local	12.2	12.1	11.7	+ 0.1	+ 0.5
State	4.9	4.0	4.9	+ 0.9	0
Local	7.3	8.1	6.8	- 0.8	+ 0.5

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment in the Lafayette MSA for September was estimated at 92,800, an increase of 600 jobs over the August revised figure of 92,200.

Goods producing employment for September was estimated at 24,200. This figure was unchanged from last month but was 1,900 higher than September, 1989.

Service producing employment in September was estimated at 68,600, an increase of 600 above the August revised level. Transportation, communications, and public utilities increased by 200 jobs with the increase centered in the transportation sector. Trade rose by 300 due to increased employment in eating and drinking places and wholesale distribution of prescription drugs. Finance, insurance, and real estate and government each had a gain of 100. Services employment decreased by 100 in September.

LAKE CHARLES AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

	Sept. 1990*	Aug. 1990**	Sept. 1989**	Net Change From Aug. 1990	Net Change From Sept. 1989
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	63.6	62.8	62.6	+ 0.8	+ 1.0
GOODS PRODUCING	16.8	16.8	17.3	0	- 0.5
MINING	1.1	1.1	0.9	0	+ 0.2
CONSTRUCTION	4.4	4.3	5.0	+ 0.1	- 0.6
MANUFACTURING	11.3	11.4	11.4	- 0.1	- 0.1
Durable Goods	2.7	2.8	2.9	- 0.1	- 0.2
Nondurable Goods	8.6	8.6	8.5	0	+ 0.1
Chemical & Petro Products	7.8	7.8	7.7	0	+ 0.1
SERVICE PRODUCING	46.8	46.0	45.3	+ 0.8	+ 1.5
TRANSP., COMM. & PUBLIC UTIL.	4.3	4.1	3.8	+ 0.2	+ 0.5
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	15.2	15.0	15.0	+ 0.2	+ 0.2
Wholesale Trade	3.2	3.1	3.0	+ 0.1	+ 0.2
Retail Trade	12.0	11.9	12.0	+ 0.1	0
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	3.1	3.1	3.1	0	0
SERVICES	13.5	13.1	12.9	+ 0.4	+ 0.6
GOVERNMENT	10.7	10.7	10.5	0	+ 0.2
Federal	0.5	0.5	0.6	0	- 0.1
State and Local	10.2	10.2	9.9	0	+ 0.3
State	3.2	3.2	3.0	0	+ 0.2
Local	7.0	7.0	6.9	0	+ 0.1

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment was estimated at 63,600 for September, an increase of 800 from the August, 1990 level.

Goods producing employment, estimated at 16,800, was unchanged from the August figure, but was 500 less than the year-ago figure.

Service producing employment, estimated at 46,800, was a gain of 800 over the August revised level of 46,000. The transportation, communications, and public utilities and trade sectors each rose by 200. Services gained 400 for September, with the gain being in the health, social, and amusement and recreational services sectors.

MONROE AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

	Sept. 1990*	Aug. 1990**	Sept. 1989**	Net Change From Aug. 1990	Net Change From Sept. 1989
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	56.0	56.6	56.1	- 0.6	- 0.1
GOODS PRODUCING	11.0	11.0	10.7	0	+ 0.3
MINING	0.6	0.6	0.5	0	+ 0.1
CONSTRUCTION	2.6	2.7	2.8	- 0.1	- 0.2
MANUFACTURING	7.8	7.7	7.4	+ 0.1	+ 0.4
Durable Goods	2.2	2.2	2.1	0	+ 0.1
Nondurable Goods	5.6	5.5	5.3	+ 0.1	+ 0.3
Food & Kindred Products	0.8	0.7	0.7	+ 0.1	+ 0.1
Other Nondurable Goods	4.8	4.8	4.6	0	+ 0.2
SERVICE PRODUCING	45.0	45.6	45.4	- 0.6	- 0.4
TRANSP. COMM. & PUBLIC UTIL.	2.7	2.8	3.1	- 0.1	- 0.4
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	14.2	14.3	14.3	- 0.1	- 0.1
Wholesale Trade	3.8	3.8	3.7	0	+ 0.1
Retail Trade	10.4	10.5	10.6	- 0.1	- 0.2
General Mdse. and Apprl. & Acc.	2.5	2.5	2.6	0	- 0.1
Eating & Drinking Places	3.4	3.4	3.3	0	+ 0.1
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	4.2	4.3	4.3	- 0.1	- 0.1
Banking	1.7	1.7	1.8	0	- 0.1
SERVICES	12.9	12.8	12.6	+ 0.1	+ 0.3
GOVERNMENT	11.0	11.4	11.1	- 0.4	- 0.1
Federal	0.7	0.7	0.6	0	+ 0.1
State and Local	10.3	10.7	10.5	- 0.4	- 0.2
State	4.7	3.9	4.6	+ 0.8	+ 0.1
Local	5.6	6.8	5.9	- 1.2	- 0.3

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment declined by 600 to an estimated 56,000 during September. This was 100 below the same period one year ago.

Goods producing employment was unchanged over the month but was 300 higher than September of last year.

Service producing employment declined by 600 over the month. Government experienced the greatest loss as local government completed special projects. The only employment gain for the month was in services. All other segments declined by 100 each.

NEW ORLEANS AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

	Sept. 1990*	Aug. 1990**	Sept. 1989**	Net Change From Aug. 1990	Net Change From Sept. 1989
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	533.8	532.8	530.9	+ 1.0	+ 2.9
GOODS PRODUCING	83.0	82.0	81.4	+ 1.0	+ 1.6
MINING	14.4	14.5	14.5	- 0.1	- 0.1
Oil & Gas Extraction	14.1	14.2	14.2	- 0.1	- 0.1
CONSTRUCTION	24.1	23.4	22.6	+ 0.7	+ 1.5
MANUFACTURING	44.5	44.1	44.3	+ 0.4	+ 0.2
Durable Goods	23.7	23.5	23.4	+ 0.2	+ 0.3
Lumber and Wood Products	0.5	0.5	0.5	0	0
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	1.4	1.4	1.3	0	+ 0.1
Fabricated Metal Products	2.3	2.3	2.4	0	- 0.1
Machinery Inc. Electrical	3.3	3.3	2.9	0	+ 0.4
Transportation Equipment	14.2	14.0	14.3	+ 0.2	- 0.1
Ship & Boatbuilding & Repairing	10.6	10.4	10.7	+ 0.2	- 0.1
Other Durable Goods	2.0	2.0	2.0	0	0
Nondurable Goods	20.8	20.6	20.9	+ 0.2	- 0.1
Food & Kindred Products	5.4	5.2	5.6	+ 0.2	- 0.2
Apparel & Other Textile Products	1.8	1.8	2.0	0	- 0.2
Printing & Publishing	3.7	3.7	3.6	0	+ 0.1
Chemicals and Allied Products	5.0	5.0	4.9	0	+ 0.1
Petroleum & Coal Products	3.7	3.7	3.7	0	0
Other Nondurable Goods	1.2	1.2	1.1	0	+ 0.1
SERVICE PRODUCING	450.8	450.8	449.5	0	+ 1.3
TRANSP., COMM. & PUBLIC UTIL.	43.5	43.4	43.4	+ 0.1	+ 0.1
Railroad Transportation	1.3	1.3	1.4	0	- 0.1
Trucking and Warehousing	8.3	8.3	8.3	0	0
Water Transportation	13.1	12.9	12.9	+ 0.2	+ 0.2
Comm. & Public Util.	13.0	13.1	13.0	- 0.1	0
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	135.6	135.8	136.6	- 0.2	- 1.0
Wholesale Trade	32.1	32.2	32.9	- 0.1	- 0.8
Wholesale Trade-Durable Goods	18.4	18.6	18.9	- 0.2	- 0.5
Wholesale Trade-Nondurable Goods	13.7	13.6	14.0	+ 0.1	- 0.3
Retail Trade	103.5	103.6	103.7	- 0.1	- 0.2
General Merchandise	13.1	13.2	12.8	- 0.1	+ 0.3
Food Stores	20.3	20.3	20.3	0	0
Eating & Drinking Places	36.3	36.1	36.2	+ 0.2	+ 0.1
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	32.4	32.7	33.3	- 0.3	- 0.9
Banking	10.4	10.5	10.5	- 0.1	- 0.1
SERVICES	151.6	148.1	150.1	+ 3.5	+ 1.5
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	14.0	13.9	14.0	+ 0.1	0
Health Services	40.4	40.2	39.5	+ 0.2	+ 0.9
Educational Services	17.5	14.4	17.3	+ 3.1	+ 0.2
GOVERNMENT	87.7	90.8	86.1	- 3.1	+ 1.6
Federal	16.4	16.4	16.2	0	+ 0.2
State and Local	71.3	74.4	69.9	- 3.1	+ 1.4
State	18.8	17.6	18.6	+ 1.2	+ 0.2
Local	52.5	56.8	51.3	- 4.3	+ 1.2

NEW ORLEANS AREA

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment for the New Orleans MSA for September increased to 533,800, a level 1,000 above August. Gains were mostly seasonal in nature.

Goods producing employment increased to 83,000, up 1,000 from the August revised level, and 1,600 above the September, 1989 figure. Construction made advancements mostly in heavy construction. The beginning of a large temporary project accounted for a significant portion of the increase. Manufacturing showed an overall increase as a result of more business in both the durable and nondurable goods segments. Mining eased down in oil and gas extraction.

Service producing employment remained unchanged from the previous month. Transportation, communications, and public utilities moved up as local port activity increased. Trade adjusted downward. Finance, insurance, and real estate exhibited a small loss in most segments. Seasonal gains in private educational services were mostly responsible for the boost in total services employment. Government displayed a considerable decrease in local government as temporary summer work programs came to an end.

Production workers in the area earned an average of $472.92 per week, up $0.98 from last month's average. Average weekly hours were 42.0, down 0.1 hours from the previous month. Average hourly earnings were $11.26, up five cents from August and $0.56 over September of last year.

Estimated unemployment was 39,600 for September. The unemployment rate registered 6.7 percent. Recipients of regular unemployment totaled 6,251.

SHREVEPORT AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

	Sept. 1990*	Aug. 1990**	Sept. 1989**	Net Change From Aug. 1990	Net Change From Sept. 1989
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	132.1	130.8	131.5	+ 1.3	+ 0.6
GOODS PRODUCING	26.9	27.0	26.3	- 0.1	+ 0.6
MINING	3.0	3.1	3.1	- 0.1	- 0.1
CONSTRUCTION	6.0	6.1	5.4	- 0.1	+ 0.6
MANUFACTURING	17.9	17.8	17.8	+ 0.1	+ 0.1
Durable Goods	12.7	12.5	12.7	+ 0.2	0
Lumber and Wood Products	0.4	0.4	0.4	0	0
Primary and Fabricated Metals	2.2	2.2	2.0	0	+ 0.2
Machinery, Inc. Electrical	5.2	5.1	5.3	+ 0.1	- 0.1
Other Durable Goods	4.9	4.8	5.0	+ 0.1	- 0.1
Nondurable Good	5.2	5.3	5.1	- 0.1	+ 0.1
Food & Kindred Products	0.7	0.8	0.7	- 0.1	0
Printing & Publishing	1.3	1.3	1.3	0	0
Chemicals & Petroleum Products	1.5	1.5	1.5	0	0
Other Nondurable Goods	1.7	1.7	1.6	0	+ 0.1
SERVICE PRODUCING	105.2	103.8	105.2	+ 1.4	0
TRANSP., COMM. & PUBLIC UTIL.	8.4	8.4	8.4	0	0
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	32.8	33.1	32.6	- 0.3	+ 0.2
Wholesale Trade	7.7	7.9	7.9	- 0.2	- 0.2
Retail Trade	25.1	25.2	24.7	- 0.1	+ 0.4
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	6.2	6.2	6.1	0	+ 0.1
SERVICES	32.9	33.0	32.9	- 0.1	0
GOVERNMENT	24.9	23.1	25.2	+ 1.8	- 0.3
Federal	4.9	5.0	4.9	- 0.1	0
State and Local	20.0	18.1	20.3	+ 1.9	- 0.3
State	5.8	5.6	6.1	+ 0.2	- 0.3
Local	14.2	12.5	14.2	+ 1.7	0

SHREVEPORT AREA

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

The total nonagricultural wage and salary employment estimate of 132,100 for September shows a seasonal increase from the August revised estimate of 130,800. This is a net gain of 600 from one year ago.

Goods producing employment, estimated at 26,900, fell slightly from the August revised estimate of 27,000, but has gained 600 jobs since September, 1989. This over-the-year gain was due primarily to increased construction activities on interstate highway projects.

Employment in the service producing industries, estimated at 105,200, showed an increase of 1,400 between August and September due to the hiring of support staff for public schools and colleges. Trade declined in both the wholesale and retail segments. Services employment was lower by 100.

Average weekly earnings of 13,600 production workers in the Shreveport area increased to $537.59, up from $429.52 in August and $456.50 one year ago. Average weekly hours increased to 45.1, up from 38.8 in August and 41.2 in September, 1989. The average hourly earnings rose to $11.92, up from $11.07 in August and $11.08 one year ago.

The Shreveport area had a civilian labor force estimated at 155,900, including 144,800 employed and 11,100 unemployed, giving an unemployment rate of 7.1 percent. The unemployment rate averaged 6.6 percent for July, August and September, compared to an average of 7.8 percent for the same period one year ago.